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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

APPROXIMATELY \$10,700.00 U.S.  
CURRENCY,  
2007 CADILLAC ESCALADE SUV,  
BERETTA PIETRO S.P.A. 92A1 9MM  
CALIBER PISTOL,

Defendants.

No. 2:15-CV-3135-SMJ

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
FOR ENTRY OF A FINAL  
ORDER OF FORFEITURE**

Before the Court is the U.S. Attorney's Office's (USAO) Motion for Entry of Final Order of Forfeiture Final, ECF No. 30. Plaintiff, United States of America, alleged in a Verified Complaint for Forfeiture In Rem that the Defendant property captioned above is subject to forfeiture to the United States pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 881. ECF No. 1.

The Defendant property being forfeited is described as follows:

1) Approximately \$10,700.00 in U.S. currency, seized by DEA from Jose Manuel Quezada, and Berta Alisia Beltran, on or about March 2, 2015, pursuant to a federal search warrant executed at their residence in Mabton, Washington.

2) 2007 Cadillac Escalade SUV, Washington License Number

1 ARR3702, VIN: 1GYFK63817R399719.

2 3) a Beretta Piertro S.P.A. 92A1 9mm caliber pistol, seized by DEA  
3 from Jose Manuel Quezada, and Berta Alisia Beltran, on or about  
4 March 2, 2015, pursuant to a federal search warrant executed at their  
5 residence in Mabton, Washington.

6 On October 16, 2015, the United States Marshals Service executed the  
7 Warrant of Arrest In Rem for the Defendant \$10,700.00 U.S. funds and the 2007  
8 Escalade. The returned warrant was filed with the Court under the above cause  
9 number on October 21, 2015. ECF No. 5.

10 On October 20, 2015, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration  
11 executed the Warrant of Arrest In Rem for the Defendant Berretta Pietro Pistol.  
12 The returned warrant was filed with the Court under the above cause number on  
13 October 21, 2015. ECF No. 6.

14 In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C), Supplemental Rules  
15 for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, notice of civil  
16 forfeiture was posted on an official government website [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov)  
17 beginning October 26, 2015 and running through November 24, 2015. ECF No.  
18 17, 17-1 and 17-2. Based upon the internet publication start date of October 26,  
19 2015, the last date to file a timely claim if direct notice was not received was  
20 December 25, 2015.

1 On or about October 23, 2015, BERTA ALISIA BELTRAN was served,  
2 via certified mail, return receipt requested, with a copy of the Verified Complaint  
3 for Forfeiture In Rem, Warrants of Arrest In Rem, and Notice of Complaint for  
4 Forfeiture, at her last known address. ECF No. 9 and 9-1. Based upon the direct  
5 notice service date of October 23, 2015, Berta Alisia Beltran's deadline to file a  
6 timely claim was November 27, 2015. To date, no response or claim of interest  
7 has been received by the United States or filed with the Court, and the time  
8 allowed for filing of her claim has expired. On or about December 9, 2015, the  
9 United States filed its Notice of Motion for Default, which was served via  
10 certified mail upon Berta Alisia Beltran, at her last known address. ECF No. 12.  
11 To date, no response has been received from Ms. Beltran. On January 13, 2016,  
12 the United States filed and served its Motion for Entry of Clerk's Order of  
13 Default. ECF No. 18. On January 14, 2016, a Clerk's Order of Default was  
14 entered against Berta Alisia Beltran. ECF No. 25.

15 On or about October 23, 2015, BACILIO RUIZ-GUZMAN was served in  
16 care of his attorney Douglas K. Garrison, and at his last known address via  
17 certified mail, return receipt requested, with a copy of the Verified Complaint for  
18 Forfeiture In Rem, Warrants of Arrest In Rem, and Notice of Complaint for  
19 Forfeiture. ECF No. 8 and 8-1. Based upon the direct notice service date of  
20 October 23, 2015, Bacilio Ruiz-Guzman's deadline to file a timely claim was

1 November 27, 2015. To date, no response or claim of interest has been received  
2 by the United States or filed with the Court, and the time allowed for filing of his  
3 claim has expired. On or about December 9, 2015, the United States filed its  
4 Notice of Motion for Default, which was served via certified mail upon Bacilio  
5 Ruiz-Guzman in care of his attorney, Douglas A. Garrison, and at his last known  
6 address. ECF No. 13. To date, no response has been received from Mr. Ruiz-  
7 Guzman. On January 13, 2016, the United States filed and served its Motion for  
8 Entry of Clerk's Order of Default. ECF No. 19. On January 14, 2016, a Clerk's  
9 Order of Default was entered against Bacilio Ruiz-Guzman. ECF No. 26.

10 On or about October 23, 2015, ELVIRA M. RUIZ was served in care of her  
11 attorney Douglas K. Garrison, and at her last known address, via certified mail,  
12 return receipt requested, with a copy of the Verified Complaint for Forfeiture In  
13 Rem, Warrants of Arrest In Rem, and Notice of Complaint for Forfeiture. ECF  
14 No. 7 and 7-1. Based upon the direct notice service date of October 23, 2015,  
15 Elvira M. Ruiz's deadline to file a timely claim was November 27, 2015. To date,  
16 no response or claim of interest has been received by the United States or filed  
17 with the Court, and the time allowed for filing of her claim has expired. On or  
18 about December 9, 2015, the United States filed its Notice of Motion for Default,  
19 which was served via certified mail upon Elvira M. Ruiz in care of her attorney,  
20 and at her last known address. ECF No. 14. To date, no response has been

1 received from Ms. Ruiz. On January 13, 2016, the United States filed and served  
2 its Motion for Entry of Clerk's Order of Default. ECF No. 20. On January 14,  
3 2016, a Clerk's Order of Default was entered against  
4 Elvira M. Ruiz. ECF No. 27.

5 On or about October 23, 2015, JOSE MANUEL QUEZADA was served at  
6 his last known address, via certified mail, return receipt requested, with a copy of  
7 the Verified Complaint for Forfeiture In Rem, Warrants of Arrest In Rem, and  
8 Notice of Complaint for Forfeiture. ECF No. 11 and 11-1. Based upon the direct  
9 notice service date of October 23, 2015, Jose Manuel Quezada's deadline to file a  
10 timely claim was November 27, 2015. To date, no response or claim of interest  
11 has been received by the United States or filed with the Court, and the time  
12 allowed for filing of his claim has expired. On or about December 9, 2015, the  
13 United States filed its Notice of Motion for Default, which was served via  
14 certified mail upon Jose Manuel Quezada at his last known address. ECF No. 15.  
15 To date, no response has been received from Mr. Quezada. On January 13, 2016,  
16 the United States filed and served its Motion for Entry of Clerk's Order of  
17 Default. ECF No. 21. On January 14, 2016, a Clerk's Order of Default was  
18 entered against Jose Manuel Quezada. ECF No. 28.

19 On or about October 23, 2015, SEAN MICHAEL TAYLOR was served at  
20 his last known address, via certified mail, return receipt requested, with a copy of

1 the Verified Complaint for Forfeiture In Rem, Warrants of Arrest In Rem, and  
2 Notice of Complaint for Forfeiture. ECF No. 10 and 10-1. Based upon the direct  
3 notice service date of October 23, 2015, Sean Michael Taylor's deadline to file a  
4 timely claim was November 27, 2015. To date, no response or claim of interest  
5 has been received by the United States or filed with the Court, and the time  
6 allowed for filing of his claim has expired. On or about December 9, 2015, the  
7 United States filed its Notice of Motion for Default, which was served via  
8 certified mail upon Sean Michael Taylor at his last known address. ECF No. 16.  
9 To date, no response has been received from Mr. Taylor. On January 13, 2016, the  
10 United States filed and served its Motion for Entry of Clerk's Order of Default.  
11 ECF No. 22. On January 14, 2016, a Clerk's

12 Order of Default was entered against Sean Michael Taylor. ECF No. 29.

13 To date, no responses, motions, or claims to the Defendant property have been  
14 received.

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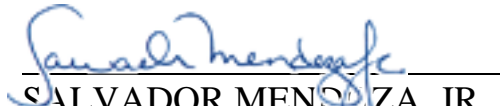
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Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. U.S. Attorney's Office's (USAO) Motion for Entry of Final Order of Forfeiture Final, **ECF No. 30**, is **GRANTED**.
2. The listed assets are **FORFEITED** to the United States and shall be disposed of in accordance with law.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.** The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this Order and provide copies to all counsel.

**DATED** this 10th day of March 2016.

  
SALVADOR MENDOZA, JR.  
United States District Judge